

BEAT HIM BY SIX LAPS.

Close of the Six Day Race at the Colosseum.

KNAPP WINS THE FIRST PLACE

The Soldier Prodigy Comes Out a Close Second—Scenes and Incidents When the Final Pistol Shot Was Fired.

Close of the Race.

The report of the great six-day bicycle race which closed at an extraordinary evening was immediately carried out in the morning's issue, but will be found below.

Undoubtedly the largest crowd that ever assembled in the western country to witness a sporting event, was that which filled the vast auditorium of the Colosseum last night. The tremendous throng in itself was a thrilling sight, for it isn't often that one gets to see from 8,000 to 10,000 people gathered under one roof, for any purpose or any circumstance. Every seat in the great amphitheatre was occupied, and the large area reserved for promenading was jammed with excited and enthusiastic lookers on.

It was indeed a magnificent audience, and when the thousands of throats swelled into one grand diapason of applause over some special effort on the part of this racer or that, the very earth and atmosphere seemed to vibrate.

The great race was a splendid one from beginning to finish, and the uncertainty with which the outcome was met kept the people in a feverish state of excitement and anxiety until the last lap was run and sturdy little Knapp won the victory by six laps, having beaten Manager Prince's Unknown, Mr. Ned Reading, or "The Soldier," as he has been more particularly called, out by six laps.

The uproar at this climax was tremendous, and in the twinkling of an eye after the pistol's crack had announced that the struggle was over, the race course and arena were a living sea of pushing, jostling, jumping, shouting humanity, and it was fully fifteen minutes before the referee could reach the judges' stand and declare the result of the race. This, however, was finally accomplished, and will be found tabulated below.

Miles	Laps
Knapp	711
Unknown	705
Ashtoreth	699
Morgan	692
Dingley	536
Armando	443
Eck	143

The fastest time was made as follows: Dingley, 50 miles in 2 hrs and 28 m; 100 miles, 9 hrs and 22 m; 150 miles, 13 hrs and 10 m; 200 miles, 16 hrs and 25 m; 250 miles, 19 hrs and 31 m; 300 miles, 23 hrs and 18 m; 350 miles, 27 hrs and 34 m; 400 miles, 31 hrs and 7 m; 450 miles, 35 hrs and 17 m.

And thus it will be seen that the race was unusually good one in more particulars than one.

The great interest on the closing night had centered in Knapp and the Unknown, with a decided bulk of the cheering sympathy in favor of the military amateur. Everybody seemed to be pulling for the plucky fellow, whose phenomenal performance has never been equalled within the history of bicycling in this or any other country. He had burst all combinations and made the race a thing of the past. He was a blood, the tricky professionals were put upon their mettle from the outset, and they were slow in realizing that they had bumped up against a man who was here to win, not only of a good deal of glory, but a pot of money, and the race quickly developed into a chase to find out who was the fellow for himself and Beethoven take the hindmost. Every time the subtle form of Reading was seen bounding forward with increased speed, the cheering and every vantage gained, the deafening shouts of the thousands would shake the great Colosseum from dome to foundation. Knapp, however, though faded and worn out, had a dogged look of determination upon his pallid face, and jugged along as nonchalantly as if it were a part of his machine. He was out for the "stuff," and it was evident would not surrender the advantage he had gained. He forced to ride in the lead, and he would certainly have landed a winner.

The soldier is a wonderful man, and there is a career before him that will startle the professional world. His real name is Edward Reading, and in the army he bears the rank of a sergeant. He is a native of Ohio, and is the principal manager in the Second Infantry band.

In reviewing this extraordinary achievement of Reading's, it must be taken into consideration that he is a brand new man at the business, as green as a pumpkin, you might say, and that he has won the hope of securing a place. That he could have won, is fully assured when it is taken into consideration that he has won over 25 miles in making the turns, and during the long jaunt had five hard falls, the last one within two hours of the close last night, when he bent one of his legs and was in such a manner that he struck it with his knee at every revolution of the wheel.

Manager Prince, who is a man of the highest of all the world's sports, has been so forcibly impressed with the marvelous powers of his man, that last night he authorized the referee to allow him to ride in the lead, to back him for \$1,000 against any rider in the world in a forty-eight hour race. Prince says he will smash all the records after a time.

As a result of his victory Knapp secures \$1,000 cash, \$100 of which is an extra prize awarded him by the enterprising Colosseum company, in addition to a superb gold medal for the forty-eight hour championship of America. The Unknown, says Mr. Prince, will certainly win a great record of 740 miles, the best to-day, in the very next race he goes into.

The Unknown's record for his record of \$700 in addition to a handsome gold medal from his comrades at the fort; Charlie Ashtoreth, \$400; Armando, \$300; Dingley, \$150. The defeated racers, the plucky little French-Canadian, Mr. Armando, and Colonel Eck, will be tendered a grand prize for the day after tomorrow night. An attractive programme is being prepared, and it is hoped the affair will be an absolute success.

In the amateur race Henry E. Tagger carried off the trophy, a beautiful gold medal, given by the Colosseum company, who covered in the given four hours 64 miles, and is a book binder by trade.

Tagger is but nineteen, and he has only been riding since July last. He weighs 130 pounds, and is a book binder by trade.

Miles	Laps
Tagger	64
Kastner	63
Riosch	62
Flischer	61
Barker	60
Holton	59

Wants to Try It Again.

To the Editor of THE BEER-SIN: Through lack of condition and a too short notice to get my regular racing bicycle from the east, I entered the Colosseum race (just closed) for anything but a properly trained condition for such a desperate struggle as that made by the leaders. My backer has deposited \$100 with Frank Prince, of the Collins Club, to race any of the competitors or all comers a three-hour-per-day-six-day-race, to take place a month from when I'll be ready for the challenge, and will have no excuses to make. Yours,

SENATOR (W. J.) MORAN.

Forty-eight hour record holder.

Colosseum, Omaha, Jan. 12.

DAUGHTERS.

The Subject of Rev. A. W. Lamar's Sermon at the First Baptist.

"Whose daughter that first tell me, I pray thee." That was the text chosen by Rev. A. W. Lamar last night in his sermon to the daughters of Omaha, and they can be found in the twenty-fourth chapter of Genesis, twenty-third verse.

Picturing an eastern scene in Mesopotamia 3,000 years ago, he told the story of Rebecca, as she unknowingly treated the emissaries of Abraham, who had been sent to seek her hand in marriage for Isaac. He told how, through kindness of heart, she had watered the camels of the caravan, and spoke of the amount of physical exertion that work entailed. It would have disabled for life the society belles of to-day.

Then he drew a picture of the present day, and asked the feminine portion of the audience to remember the solemn responsibilities God had placed them under, for in the veins of the average American woman flows the golden stream of ages, and to them it was left what the next generation should be. Parents are supposed to rear their children as the Lord directs, and to them how the heart went out to a daughter. Their very defenselessness, their weakness, was a claim for protection, and when the thought of a calamity that could never be repaired in life came before a father's eyes, it was no wonder he should stand ready to sacrifice even life to shield a daughter from harm.

And when that daughter had grown to womanhood and knew how carefully she should be guarded, she should be taught that she should do something to reward that care and love. How could she do it? By being a blessing to the world, by making her conduct and her life a lesson to others. She should be a daughter, and not a daughter-in-law.

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